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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Tweedy

SUBJECT: Proposed Review by CIACG of Current
and Anticipated Needs for Intelligence
on China

1. I propose that the China Intelligence Activities Coordination Group sponsor a comprehensive review of current and anticipated needs for intelligence on China for the rest of the decade.
2. It will be necessary to work out and get interagency agreement on the scope, methodology and other aspects of such a study, but I have in mind the publication some time in 1972 of an agreed-upon report which could assist USIB members and other senior officials in finding among their other clear priorities where we think China is likely to fit.
3. If this as yet unformed idea commends itself to you, I would like to raise it in a week or two when next I convene the CIACG. If at that level we get a favorable response (I know the Air Force representative is for it) you might wish to inform the DCI of the plan. With his blessing, we could mobilize the resources in the Agency and the Community that would be necessary to make the work authoritative. With your agreement also I could begin to seek counsel from knowledgeable officers in the building on how to go about such a project in the least time-wasting and most effective way.



DCI China Coordinator

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ROLE OF CIACG

The role of the CIACG is clearly intended to address the overall picture of US intelligence on China. The Terms of Reference support this, as do the circumstances surrounding the establishment of the Group, i.e., the increasing activity of China in its foreign endeavors.

The present situation would suggest that a comprehensive review of US activities would be in order. The review could be performed over a 6-12 month period and address, in sequence, the following subjects:

- a. What do the intelligence users (policy makers, military commanders, etc.) need? How often, in what detail or lack of detail? Priorities?
- b. What intelligence end-products will satisfy users? Do current end-products (NIE's, etc.) satisfy all needs? More than all? Part of?
- c. What information is needed which is not either in data bank or being collected?
- d. What new collection is needed? Which current collection can be stopped?

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